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Mr. Edward D. Ryan, Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Letter of February 1, 2002
May Monthly Report (4/1/01-4/30/01)
AMOVPAF - C00027532

Dear Mr. Ryan:

In response to your recent letter, enclosed are a letter and a photocopy of a refund for an excessive contribution. Check #2444 drawn on the "Tim Johnson for South Dakota" account in the amount of \$1,500.00 will be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16, during the period it was received.

Very truly yours,

Edward V. Kelly
Edward V. Kelly
Treasurer



February 6, 2002

American Maritime Officers
Attn: Annamarie
650 4th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11232

Annamarie:

Enclosed is a refund check in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the contribution made from your committee to the Tim Johnson for South Dakota committee on April 26, 2001. The original check (#5844) was designated for the Primary 2002 election. Unfortunately, the original contribution put your committee over the legal limit enforced by the strict federal laws regulation campaign finance and the Federal Election Commission (FEC). It is our hope that your committee can issue a new check to the Tim Johnson for South Dakota committee designated for the General 2002 election. If your committee decides to do so, I have enclosed a postage-paid envelope for your convenience. If you have any questions, or need further information about FEC regulations, feel free to contact me at the campaign office.

Sincerely,

Chad M. Schuldt
Operations Director, Tim Johnson for South Dakota

Enclosures: Refund Check #2444

2444

US BANK

24 HOUR BANKING

1-800-872-2867

TIM JOHNSON FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

P.O. BOX 1858

SIOUX FALLS, SD 57101

2/6/2002

\$ 1,500.00

PAY TO THE ORDER OF American Maritime Officers, VPAF

One Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100

DOLLARS

American Maritime Officers, VPAF

MEMO Refund of 4-26-01

Chad Scheldt

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Dear Mr. Kelly:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount.

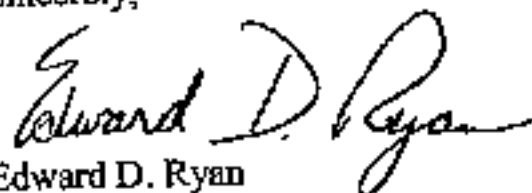
Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent

to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. Electronic filers must file amendments in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Edward D. Ryan
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Federal Election Commission

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